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Newly submitted claims 6-19 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. The amendment filed on 11/18/2004 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP §821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the search required for claims 6-19 is not required for claims 1-5. Claims 6-19 and claims 1-5 are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, claims 6-19 have separate utility such as:

- A questionnaire data storage unit to receive and store purchaser responses;
- A call center terminal operable to receive a customer inquiry; and
- An answer collection unit operable to receive the customer inquiry.

See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew s Gart whose telephone number is 703-305-5355. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM to 5:00PM m-f.

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